

TALBOT COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	250	254	288
Average Size (acres)	436	438	367
Land in Farms (acres)	109,108	111,144	105,729
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	2,367	2,226	1,408
Hogs	1,834	²	²
Sheep	521	514	276
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			33,451
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			16,507
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			12,922
Milk (\$1,000)			1,353
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	52.4	54.7	55.6
Percent Female Operators	9.2	9.1	7.3
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
Number of Equine Places			700
Equine Inventory			1,930
Value of Equine Inventory			\$8,375,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
Corn for Grain	4	Soybeans	4
Barley	9	Vegetables	14
Forage	22	Wheat	3

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
Beef Cattle	22	Milk Cows	13
Broilers	6	Sheep	16
Hogs	10		

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2002	32,100	61.7	1,981,400
	2003	30,800	121.0	3,726,800
	2004	29,800	154.8	4,613,800
Corn for Silage (tons)	2002	800	12.3	9,800
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	1,200	19.2	23,000
Soybeans (bushels)	2002	43,200	17.8	771,100
	2003	38,800	36.0	1,395,300
	2004	42,900	47.0	2,015,800
Wheat (bushels)	2002	17,400	69.0	1,200,000
	2003	13,800	35.0	483,100
	2004	13,000	61.2	795,340
Hay (tons)	2002	600	1.7	1,000
	2003	500	3.0	1,500
	2004	700	2.9	2,000
Barley (bushels)	2002	1,900	83.6	158,800
	2003	2,400	63.6	152,600
	2004	2,700	80.6	217,700

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$69.77	\$78.40	\$78.29

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¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Revised.